

OLVER ANNOUNCES \$3.15 MILLION FOR BERKSHIRE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

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WASHINGTON - Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced today that the c

"There is a great need for good, reliable bus service in Berkshire County," Olver said. "Muc

Olver added, "I am pleased that this funding will give a boost to local tourism. Berkshire Co

Olver is the ranking member of the Transportation-Treasury Subcommittee of the House A

Federal transportation assistance in the FY05 omnibus bill for Berkshire County includes:

\$1.47 million for Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA)

The funding will help purchase new buses, upgrade a storage facility and install new bus s

For more information, contact Chuck MacNeil, BRTA, at 413-499-2782, ext. 21.

\$450,000 for Transportation Association of Northern Berkshire (TANB)

This funding will support transportation activities conducted by the Transportation Associati

New funding will allow TANB to:

- create a new service using van pools and ride sharing to expand the ways that peop
- increase its employment ridership services above the current level of 3,000 trips per m
- develop feeder services and short transportation connections to enable individuals to
- establish specialized transportation services with employment training providers to h

TANB coordinates its efforts through the Community Transportation Center in North Adams

For more information, contact Jana Brule, TANB, at 413-664-0300.

\$215,000 for Hancock Shaker Village

The funding will go toward Hancock Shaker Village's plans to complete a natural buffer to F

Hancock Shaker Village is western Massachusetts' only living history museum and the larg

Route 20 cuts through Hancock Shaker Village. Originally a small dirt road, Route 20 now i

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The village also plans to complete a trail system and create a related environmental education program.

For more information, contact Ellen Spear, Hancock Shaker Village, at 413-443-0188.

\$140,000 for scenic and historic preservation on the Mohawk Trail

The funding will assist with the preservation of historic structures along the Mohawk Trail, including the historic Shaker Village.

For more information, contact Nat Karns, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, at 413-443-0188.

\$175,000 to develop a corridor management plan for Route 112

Route 112 was recently designated as a state scenic byway. This funding will be used to develop a corridor management plan for the byway.

For more information contact, Beth Giannini, Franklin Regional Council of Government, at 413-443-0188.

\$700,000 to expand the New England High Speed Rail Corridor plan to include western Massachusetts

Currently, the New England High Speed Rail Corridor plan includes a hub in Boston serving the New England area.

This new funding would expand the corridor plan to include many large communities in Massachusetts.

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